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REMARKS

By this supplemental amendment, claim 1 has been amended; and claims 2 and 4-8; continue unamended; and claim 3 was previously canceled. This supplemental amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003. Further, the arguments presented herein are intended to be used in conjunction with the arguments of the previously filed response.

In response to the Office Action, the Applicants, through their representative, contacted the Examiner on October 17, 2003. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that all that was necessary was for the Applicants to indicate where in the Applicants' specification support could be found for the amendments to the claims.

In addition, Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to the fact that the Office Action erroneously indicated that claim 3 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. §121.

Amendment to Claim 1

Applicants have amended claim 1, as indicated above, only to place claim 1 in proper method claim form. Applicants submit that these amendments add no new matter and are fully supported by the specification.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in at least pages 46-59 of the Applicants' specification as originally filed. For example, support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found on page 52, lines 8-12; and support for claim 2 can be found on page 52, line 27 to page 53, line 2.

In addition, support for claim 4 can be found on page

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CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that none of the claims, presently in the application, is obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Frank Tolin, Esq. or Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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